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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Patent Application of

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For: OPTICAL LENS AND METHOD OF

PRODUCING THE SAME, METHOD OF ) PRODUCING OPTICAL LENS ARRAY, ) FOCUS ERROR SIGNAL PRODUCTION )

METHOD, AND OPTICAL PICKUP

APPARATUS

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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In Full and timely response to the requirement for an election of invention in the Office Action dated November 6, 2002 (Paper No. 05), for which one month was allotted for reply, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys respectfully elects with traverse the invention of Group I, having claims 1 to 8, drawn to an optical lens. Please hold the claims of the nonelected Groups II, III, and IV in abeyance pending an examination of the elected invention, and reconsideration of the right to rejoinder and to submit linking claims at a later date.

The election is made with traverse to preserve the rights of the Application under MPEP 821.04. Specifically, where as here product claims are elected, method claims of the type in Group II and Group III may be rejoined under the conditions there stated. In addition, the traverse is made to preserve the right upon examination to make combination claims along the lines of

'Group IV as linking claims or new combination claims joining Groups I and IV.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully

solicited.

Respectfylly submitted,

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